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THE REPARATIONS CONFERENCE

FRANCE SAID TO WANT A POSTPONEMENT

THE SECRETARYSHIP

Paris, Yesterday.

France, it is understood, desires a postponement of the Lausanne Reparations Conference, possibly until February 25, but is provisionally willing to agree to extend the German moratorium until July 1, 1934, provided Germany continues payment of unconditional annuities.

France's Reason—Pressure of Business.

This is the tenor of an important statement made by the French Finance Minister, M. Flandin, to the German Ambassador, Herr von Hoesch, pleading pressure of Parliamentary business as a reason for postponement of the Conference. While, as regards unconditional annuities, M. Flandin, it is understood, pointed out that Germany would be able to recover the sums thus paid through loans on the security of her State Railways.—Reuter.

Sir Maurice Hankey as Secretary-General.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is anticipated that Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey, the British Cabinet's Secretary, will act as Secretary-General at the Lausanne Reparations Conference, a post he occupied at earlier International Conferences of a similar kind in London, at the Hague and elsewhere.

The Governments concerned have formally welcomed his appointment which, it is expected, the Conference will confirm at its first sitting.

Sir Maurice is, at present, in Switzerland, in contact with the Swiss Government regarding preparations for the Conference.—British Wireless Service.

PROMINENT LABOUR MEMBERS ILL.

Woman Organiser in Critical Condition.

MR. WM. GRAHAM.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.
The ex-Cabinet Minister, Mr. William Graham, who has been ill with pneumonia, has now, it is stated, developed double pneumonia.

Dr. Marion Phillips, ex-Member of the House of Commons for Sunderland, and chief woman organiser in the Labour Party, is critically ill, following an operation.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Another Quiet Day Reported.

RATES AS BEFORE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The session this morning opened quietly steady with rates generally unaltered.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,475.
Realty, \$12,15.
H.K. Lands, \$327.
Wharves, \$159.
Hotels (old), \$15.
Trams, \$22.50.
Singapore Trains, 3/
H.K. Ropes, \$15.
Porcelain, \$27.
Provisions (old), \$5.
Provisions (new), \$2.
China, \$115.
Cement, \$115.
Bull, \$30.
Quintessence, \$1.30.

EMANCIPATION OF IRAK.

Mandates Commission's Report.

SAFEGUARDS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The League of Nations' Secretariat published to-day the report of the Permanent Commission on Mandates concerning the British proposal to proceed with the Emancipation of Irak.

After reviewing the action of the British Government and the guarantees given by that Government to assure the entry of Irak into the League, the report sets out in detail the conditions, which appear to the Commission, essential for the termination of the Mandate by Great Britain.

The most important of these conditions is that for the protection of minorities and nationals, as well as for guarantee of privileges to foreigners' liberty of conscience and maintenance of international Conventions.

Finally, the report states that a Treaty of Alliance between Great Britain and Irak does not injure the independence of Irak.

The Commission's report is likely to be approved by the League Council on January 25, and the September Assembly is expected to admit Irak to the League. Britain's Mandate will automatically terminate on such admission.—British Wireless Service.

Sales.
China Underwriters, \$4.50.
Banks, \$30.
Entertainment (old), \$15.
Indo-China (old), \$15.
Indo-China (new), \$15.

"RED" PUTSCH PETERS OUT.

All Quiet in Ruhr District.

MANY ARRESTS.

Cologne, Yesterday.

The attempted Communist putsch has petered out. Almost everywhere there is quiet. The failure is a Trade Unions' victory, as the main body of organized workmen has supported its leaders.

Many of those who participated in the attempt have lost their jobs. Hundreds have been arrested.—Reuter.

A Reuter's cable, despatched from Cologne on Sunday and published in the China Mail on Monday afternoon, stated that Communists staged a New Year putsch, in the Ruhr district, in an effort to persuade workers to down tools, as a protest against a ten per cent. cut in wages. Attempts were made to interfere with utility services, such as tramways and telephones; and in some places even bombs were exploded, fortunately harmlessly.

Vigorous Police measures, combined with lack of enthusiasm on the part of the workers for a revolution, frustrated the efforts of the Communists.

ATLANTIC FLEET'S SPRING EXERCISES.

Curtailed for Economy Reasons.

LEAVES HOME TO-DAY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Ships of the Atlantic Fleet are to-day and to-morrow leaving their home ports of Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport to concentrate for the Spring Exercises.

For reasons of economy the cruise has been curtailed, and ships will return to England in mid March, a fortnight earlier than usual. The Exercises will be carried out while the Fleet is proceeding south towards Gibraltar, and, in few days, a detachment, consisting of the Hood, Repulse, Dorsetshire, Norfolk, Exeter, and York, under Rear-Admiral Tomkinson, will leave the main fleet on a visit to British West Indian ports.—British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

140 Dozens of Jerseys Taken on Credit.

7 MEN CHARGED.

(Central Magistracy.)

One week's formal remand was granted in the case against seven Chinese, Leung Hin, Ho Kwok, Tang Shing-wai, Lam Shiu, Chu Wai-kaung and Cheung On, who were charged, this morning, with conspiracy to defraud.

It is alleged that the defendants have been obtaining goods on credit, later disposing of them elsewhere and having no intention of paying for them.

The fifth defendant is alleged to be the principal tenant of the house in which a quantity of the goods, valued at \$1,000, were found. He was arrested in the street when in company with five police, who it is thought, were about to put him behind a bar.

These accused 140 dozen jerseys valued \$2,000, which have not yet been returned. Mr. D. D. Evans appeared for the fifth defendant and a Mr. M. A. Silva for the second defendant. Bail was allowed in each case.

PEAK FILM FIRE

PATHE ORIENT PROSECUTED.

SEVEN COUNTS

WAS IT A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT?

As a sequel to the fire which broke out at a kiddies' party given at the residence of Mr. G. A. Langston, No. 287, The Peak, on December 23, Mr. Landolt, manager of Messrs. Pathe Orient Ltd., 61, Des Voeux Road, was summoned before Mr. Scheffeld at the Central Magistracy this morning on seven counts of failing to comply with the Fire Brigade's regulations connected with the storing, distribution, and control of cinematograph and celluloid films.

Mr. J. C. FitzHenry appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. H. L. Denny for the defence. Englishman's Home His Castle.

In dealing with the first five summonses, which pertained to the incident which occurred at the residence of Mr. Langston, Mr. Denny said that Mr. Langston gave a small entertainment to a few friends at No. 287, The Peak. He went to Messrs. Pathe Orient, and hired a cinematograph machine, and also asked for an operator to be sent. This was done.

"An Englishman's home is his castle," said Mr. Denny. "It was not a place of public entertainment, and I, therefore, submit that the summonses must fail. My client cannot be held responsible."

Public Entertainment.
Mr. FitzHenry quoting from the regulations submitted that a cinematograph show was a public entertainment, being carried out as it was, by a company for a fee. He further submitted that there were members of the general public present.

Replying to this argument Mr. Denny said, that then any man, owning a "Baby" Pathe, and who shows films in his home, must hold the necessary licence.

Members of General Public Present.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, I.G.P., who watched the proceedings, said there were definitely members of the general public present. The audience was not comprised only of members of Mr. Langston's family. There were 27 children, 6 adults, and a number of amahs. There were also two wiremen from the Hong Kong Electric Co., watching the entertainment.

Film Store Unlicensed?
In connection with the two remaining summonses, one of which was for failing to furnish the Hon. I.G.P. in writing of the name, address, and nature of the business carried on at No. 81, Des Voeux Road, and the other for storing 294 reels of films in places other than those set out in the schedule of the film ordinance, Mr. Denny said, that Messrs. Pathe had been storing films in that same room since 1928, and he took it that at some time or other the building had been passed by the F.W.D. and

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AGITATORS GET SHORT SHRIFT.

Pelted With Flour and Ochre.

BY LONDON DOCKERS.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

Three men, believed to be Communists, who tried to persuade a crowd of dockers to strike in sympathy with the Thames lightermen, were booed and hissed to-day.

When the agitators persisted in an attempt to hold a meeting, the dockers drew bags of flour and ochre from their pockets and pelted the speakers who had to be rescued by the Police.

BRIDAL COUPLE DROWNED.

Tragedy at a Wedding Party.

NEAR VILNA.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE)

Warsaw, Yesterday.

A tragic conclusion to a happy wedding party, which organized a sleigh race across a frozen lake, near Vilna, occurred, when the ice broke, and two sleighs, carrying seven passengers, were flung into the icy water.

Villagers rescued five but the bridal couple were drowned.

DIPHTHERIA.

"Nothing to Report."

As was the case yesterday, Dr. G. W. Pope, M.O.H., stated at noon to-day: "There is nothing to report."

Between noon and 5 p.m. yesterday only two new cases of diphtheria were reported. One was European and the other Chinese.

The latest return of notifiable diseases for the week ended January 2, showed 72 cases of diphtheria, two resulting in death.

ARMED ROBBERY CASE.

At the Assizes this morning, Li Fat, the second accused in the Kak Hang Village (Kowloon City) armed robbery case, gave evidence from the witness box. He described his arrest by the Police, and stated that he was searched at the station. He denied having taken part in the robbery. He agreed that when he was charged he stated: "I have not much to say. I was implicated by my friends."

Asked by Mr. Hin-shing Lo exactly what he meant by the second sentence, the accused said that he meant that the friends of his friends had falsely accused him.

possibly by the Fire Brigade. The regulations have been in force since 1928. The room was marked "Films." "No Smoking."

NEW DESTROYER FLOTILLA

FOUR SHIPS ARRIVE FROM HOME

A LARGER TYPE

RELIEVED SHIPS TO STEAM HOMEWARD ON JANUARY 22.

Four ships of the new 8th Destroyer Flotilla arrived in harbour from Home yesterday to take up duty on the China Station. They are H.M. ships Wild Swan, Wishart, Whitehall and Verity, and are now alongside the West Wall of the Naval Dockyard.

The leader of the new 8th Destroyer Flotilla is H.M.S. Keppel, and she is due here from Singapore on Friday. Besides the Keppel, three other destroyers are due to arrive to make up the flotilla. These ships are the Wren, Whitshed, and Veteran, which have just left Home waters.

The majority of the ships forming the new 8th Destroyer Flotilla are not strangers to Hong Kong, having been on this Station, as the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla, during the trouble of 1927. Since leaving here they have served with the Mediterranean Fleet.

THE LEADER.

Of the ships forming the new 8th Destroyer Flotilla, H.M.S. Keppel, the leader, is larger and newer than the others. She was launched in 1920 and completed in 1925. She has a tonnage of 1,480. The other ships are of the same class with a tonnage of 1,120, and were launched in 1918 and completed in 1919. The four, which have already arrived, left Home on November 6, so that they were practically two months on the "voyage" out, which was made in easy stages.

These ships will relieve the destroyers at present serving on the China Station, comprising H.M. ships Starling, Seraph, Seraphis, Sirdar, Somme, Stormcloud, Sepoy, and Thracian, which are due to sail for Home on January 22.

The relief ships are slightly larger than those at present here, and newer; the latter being launched in 1916 and completed in 1917.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FRACAS.

Razor - Slashing Incident.

SAILOR SENTENCED.

(Kowloon Police Court.)

On a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm, on William Davidson, a seaman, with a razor on the s.s. Pentwyn, on January 1, William Wishart, also a seaman on the same vessel, was sentenced to one month's hard labour this morning.

In passing sentence, his Worship said:—I am afraid I must convict you of wounding. That is to say, you had no grudge against Davidson, you did not consider, in your own mind, what you were going to do, yet deliberately you went away and got a razor with intent to inflict the injuries that you did. Evidence has been given of your good character and your efficiency as a seaman, and that you had no trouble with the other men on the ship. It is a serious offence, but I am giving you as light a sentence as I can."

FRUIT SHOP LOOTED.

Ho Chun, master of a fruit stall at No. 86, Queen's Road West, reports that last night 12 men, whom he believes to be stall holders from the Western Market, and creditors of Ho Chun, entered his shop and took away fruit, cigarettes, etc., and \$700 in money. Three of the men have been arrested.

The Committee of St. Patrick's Society expect a large attendance at the first annual general meeting of the Society, to be held in the Hong Kong Race Club on Friday, January 13, at 8 p.m. The annual dinner, which has been the custom for many years, will be given with considerable music.

CONGRESS LEADERS ROUNDED UP.

Ex-President of Assembly Arrested.

POLICE ACTIVITY.

Bombay, Yesterday.

The rounding up of Congress leaders started in the early hours of this morning, the police moving swiftly from place to place making arrests under the Ordinances.

The earliest captures to-day, included Mr. V. J. Patel, ex-President of the Indian Legislative Assembly.—Reuter.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

London, Yesterday.

The Burma Round Table Conference, which is moving full speed and gives promise of a harmonious termination to its efforts within the next few days, affords a striking contrast to the deadlock which prevailed throughout the recent proceedings of the Indian Round Table Conference.—Reuter.

WHEN A LEG IS PROPERTY.

"Personal aggression" was charged entered in the Olympic Games when a man was used for a leg for having thrown a stick at the plaintiff and fractured his leg. The plaintiff's counsel sought damages for the loss of his leg. The court awarded damages of \$1,000.

ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"TRANSATLANTIC."

Anchor's aweigh! Full speed ahead! Those who like their thrills and romance sprayed with the brine of the sea and flavoured with the luxury of a de luxe ocean liner are recommended to the King's Theatre where the Fox drama, "Transatlantic," with Edmund Lowe and Lois Moran in the leading roles is now sailing its entertaining course.

From the moment Edmund Lowe, as a suave and debonair gambler, slips aboard the s.s. Transatlantic, to escape the district attorney's graft probe until the ocean greyhound docks at its European port things begin to happen rapidly, and not only to Lowe, but to his fellow passengers who include Lois Moran as the daughter of a German lens grinder, impersonated by Jean Hersholt, and an absconding banker, played by John Halliday, whose nefarious operations have cost Hersholt his life savings.

To add to the complications Halliday is accompanied by his wife, Myrna Loy, and aboard ship is also Halliday's light o' love, a role portrayed by Greta Nissen.

"MOTHER'S MILLIONS."

Not until you see "Mother's Millions," which is playing at the Central Theatre, will you be able to know the real trials and tribulations of the rich. If you, in this time of seeming depression, feel that money is more important to you than your health, more important than the normal happiness to which we all have a right to look forward, slip into a seat in the Theatre and see the story of Faure and Tom Breen, children of the richest woman in the world.

Howard McKent Barnes has written an inside story of a home of the richest woman in the world. He gives you the real low-down on why rich girls want to run away with the chauffeur and why the sons of millionaires are easy marks for the chorus girls and black-mailers.

It is worth seeing, and incidentally, you will have the extreme pleasure of witnessing one of the most remarkable performances of this year's screen successes, that of May Robson in a part which fits her like a glove. The big cast which James Flood assembled to interpret the story in talking pictures includes James Hall, Lawrence Gray, Frances Dean, Edmund Breese, Lillian Harmer, Elinor Flynn, Leah Winslow, and William L. Thorne.

"THE LYONS MAIL"

Cinema audiences will be privileged to see some interesting double-exposure photography in "The Lyons Mail." Sir John Mar-

tin Harvey, who plays the famous dual role, will actually be seen as the good Lesurques addressing Dubosc, his villainous counterpart. Sydney Blythe, who is chief camera man on "The Lyons Mail," has achieved some remarkable cinematic effects in collaboration with Baynam Honri, the chief sound engineer.

"HER WEDDING NIGHT"

"It was one of the great surprises of my life when I first heard my voice from the screen," Charlie Ruggles recalls. "It's something I have had always with me and to which I had paid little attention up to that time. I haven't entirely recovered from the shock yet."

Ruggles's voice is indicative of his temperament, quick, nervous, alert to everything that goes on about him. Dialogue script girls at the Paramount studios in Hollywood, where Ruggles recently worked in the new Clara Bow hit, "Her Wedding Night," booked for showing on Thursday at the King's Theatre, claim they have twice as much work to do since Ruggles invaded Hollywood. These girls take short-hand notes of every line the players speak while they are before the cameras, to secure as unquestionable record of any changes from the written script that might be made while words are uttered.

In "Her Wedding Night," Ruggles has a part in Clara Bow's first screen farce comedy with Ralph Forbes, the romantic hero of "Beau Geste" and "A Lady of Scandal," and Skeets Gallagher.

"LAUGHING SINNERS"

Joan Crawford and Harry Beaumont were associated in the making of motion pictures for the fourth time when "Laughing Sinners" was screened at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio under Beaumont's direction and with Joan in the starring role.

The film will come on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre. Neil Hamilton and Clark Gable share leading male honours, and the cast includes Marjorie Rambeau, Guy Kibbee, Cliff Edwards, Roscoe Karns, Gertrude Short, George Cooper, George F. Marion, and Bert Woodruff.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January, 1932, Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich, are as follows:—

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-8.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
7.03-7.25 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

Lepo Ulaula, Palolo-Hula, Sam-Ku-West Harmony Boys (21419).

Wasonale, Kala, Royal Hawaiian Trio (20281).

Honolulu March, Frank Ferrera and John K. Paaluh (20027).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.25-8.15 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—Album Leaf (Greig), Capriccio in B Minor (Brahms), Harold Bauer (1413).

Song—Dobrynia Nikitich, a. Berceuse, b. Snowdrop.

Nina Koshetz (Soprano) (7111).

Violin Solo—By the Waters of Minnetonka (Liaurance), Under the Leaves (Thome), Rene Chemot (1228).

Vocal Duet—The Moon Has Raised Her Lamp Above (Benedict), Royal Dammun & Lambert Murphy (4085).

Vocal Duet—I Know a Bank Whereon the Wild Thyme Grows (Horn), Olive Kline & Elsie Baker (4085).

Piano Solo—La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt), Nocturne in F Sharp Minor (Chopin), Ignace Jan Paderewski (6825).

Song—The Two Grenadiers (Schumann), Midnight Review (Glinka), Feodor Chagalin (Bass) (6812).

Violin Solo—Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler), Legend of the Canyon (C. W. Cadman), Fritz Kreisler (1093).

8.15-8.42 p.m.—Operatic.

Song—Faust—Flower Song (Gounod), Don Carlos—Oh Fatal Gift (Verdi), Margaret Matzenauer (Contralto) (6813).

Cello Solo—Meistersinger—Prize Song (Wagner-Wilhelm), Tannhauser—Evening Star (Wagner), Pablo Casals (6820).

(This record is by special request.)
Song—Aida—Heavenly Aida (Verdi), Bohème—Rudolph's Narrative (Puccini), Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor) (6595).

8.42-8.46 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

Stand by, Leave it There, Face Jubilee Singers and Hattie Parker (21551).

You Gonna Reap Just What You Sow, Everybody Got To Walk This Lonesome Valley, Face Jubilee Singers (20310).

8.46-9.25 p.m.—Humorous Numbers.

I'd Do Anything For You, He's So Unusual, Helene Kane (22030).

Moonlight and Skies, Jimmie Rogers with Guitar, Jimmie Rogers Visits the Carter Family, Jimmie Rogers (23574).

Fourth of July At A Country Fair, Going To Ride That Midnight Train, Georgia Yellow Hammers (20549).

How's Your Folks and My Folks? The Happiness Boys, I Married The Bootlegger's Daughter, Frank Crumit (19789).

9.25-10.05 p.m.—Orchestral.

Liebesleid (Kreisler), a. Serenade (Moszkowski), b. Aubade (Auber), San Francisco Sym. Orch. (6802).

Country Dance No. 1, Pastoral Dance No. 2, The Merry Makers Dance No. 3, From "Neil Gwyn" (German), St. Louis Symphony Orch. (9009).

L'Arlesienne (Bizet), Royal Orchestra Covent Garden conducted by Eugene Goossens (8112/8113).

10.05-10.27 p.m.—Songs by the

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Transatlantic." Theatre: "The Lyons Mail."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "To-day—Central Theatre: "Mother's Millions."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Young Sinners."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Three Live Ghosts."

To-morrow—Pianoforte Recital, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Home Malls.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Hakusan Maru).

Meeting.

Friday—St. Patrick's Society, annual meeting, Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, 6.15 p.m.

Lamont's Auction.

Friday—At 53, Hollywood Road, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

CATS WITH "SHOT SILK" COATS.

Crystal Palace Show Exhibits.

Blue cream Persians, with coats gleaming like shot silk, are the latest development in the cat world. A number are among the exhibits at the National Cat Club's forty-second annual show, which opened at the Crystal Palace recently.

Mr. C. Yeates, hon. secretary of the show, told a reporter that the colouring of the coat of the blue cream Persian should be slightly intermingled. "The blue and cream," he explained, "should blend to give an appearance as much like shot silk as possible."

Total entries for the show number about 950, the biggest entries being blue Persians and Siamese. Several of the cats are valued at 100 guineas each.

Mr. Yeates remarked on the change which had taken place in cat fashions during the forty years cat shows had been held at Crystal Palace. "In the old days," he said, "practically all the exhibits were short-haired cats, with just one or two classes for Persians. Now the Persians form quite 80 per cent. of the show."

"The reason for the change is probably a business one. There is a good sale for Persian kittens compared with that for short-haired kittens, mainly because people seem to regard all short-haired cats as more or less ordinary, and do not realise that a show of short-haired is very different from the one you see in the street."

Soviet Russia will have a population of 240,000,000 persons in 1950, according to the Institute for Vital Statistics in Moscow.

Revelers Male Quartet.

Raquel—Bye and Bye Sweetheart, (21991).

Nels—Among My Souvenirs, (21100).

Comin' Home—Evenin', (21807).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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CLUB ELEVEN FOR THE SIM SHIELD.

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This Afternoon.

The first of the Sim Shield matches will be played on the U.S.R.C. ground this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock between the Hong Kong Hockey Club and the Army. The following have been selected to represent the Club:

G. Duncan; W. Woodward, J. Rodger; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand (Captain), E. V. Reed; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. B. Evans and J. L. Tetley. Reserves: T. J. Price and A. R. Botelho.

THE CLUB CRICKET ELEVENS:

Against Kowloon C.C.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Club in their League Matches against the Kowloon Cricket Club, the First Eleven at Kowloon and the Second Eleven at Hong Kong.

1st XI at Kowloon: T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, A. G. I. Bowker, E. R. Duckitt, Capt. W. H. G. Goater, O. E. C. Marton, Capt. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. Reid.

2nd XI at H.K.C.C.: R. K. Hepburn (Captain), R. R. Davies, R. H. Dowler, F. A. M. Elliot, C. E. Gahagan, L. D. Kilbee, R. S. W. Paterson, P. W. J. Planner, W. Stoker, J. R. Way, A. J. Wolf.

CHAMPIONS AT HOME.

I.R.C. v. University

The following will represent the Indian R.C. in a League Cricket match against the University on the I.R.C. ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—A. A. Rumjahn (Captain), F. D. Pereira, S. R. Kermani, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, J. S. A. Cursem and H. D. Rumjahn. Reserves: M. el Arculli and A. T. Barma.

R.A.S.C. ELEVEN FOR SATURDAY.

League Match v. C.S.C.C.

The following have been selected to play for the R.A.S.C. in their League Cricket match against the Civil Service C.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday: W. O. J. Pamplin (Captain), S. Q. M. S. Payne, S/Sgt. Skipp, Sgt. Hurst, L/Cpl. Cadman, L/Cpl. Spain, L/Cpl. Reynolds, Pte. Funnell, Pte. Evers-Buckland, Dvr. Whitely and Dvr. Gray. Reserves: Dvr. Castelow, Pte. Beresford, Umpire, Mr. Bowers. Scorer, Sgt. King.

CLUB SECONDS TO PLAY C.B.A.

Monday's Game.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club, 2nd XI against the Central British on the Club Ground next Monday at 5 p.m. E. S. Moses, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, G. F. Rees, E. G. S. Dale, A. A. R. Botelho, L. D. Kilbee, S. J. H. Fox, W. A. Nowers, S. Hill and E. Fincher.

J. W. FRANKS WINS THE KENT CUP

C. J. Perdue Loses
to Score of 78.

The final of the Kent Cup (open to members of the Police Recreation Club) was won by J. W. Franks (9) who beat C. J. Perdue (18) in the final. The winners score 102, the losers 78. F. E. Rooker kindly presented a replica of the Cup.

AUSTRALIA WIN THE RUBBER.

Last Three Wickets
Fall for 27 Runs.

FLUCTUATING FORTUNES IN
TALL SCORING GAME.

Melbourne, Monday.

At the close of play the South Africans were 196 runs behind the Australian total with three wickets in hand.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Yesterday.

The remaining three South African wickets fell for 27 runs thus giving Australia victory in the second Test Match by 169 runs. South Africa were dismissed for 225 runs when requiring 395 runs in the fourth innings in order to save the rubber.—Reuter.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

Australia—First Innings.

W. H. Ponsford, b Bell 7
D. G. Bradman, c Cameron, b Quinn 2
W. M. Woodfull, c Cameron, b Bell 52
A. F. Kippax, c Bell, b Quinn 7
S. McCabe, c Morkel, b Bell 22
W. Rigg, c Mitchell, b Bell 68
E. L. A'Beckett, c Mitchell, b Quinn 6
W. A. Oldfield, c Vincent, b Quinn 0
C. V. Grimmett, c Morkel, b Bell 9
T. Wall, not out 6
H. Ironmonger, run out 12
Extras 7

Total 198

Bowling:—A. J. Bell 5 for 69, N. L. Quinn 4 for 42.

South Africa—First Innings.

B. Mitchell, c McCabe, b Wall 17
S. Curnow, b Grimmett 47
A. J. Christy, c McCabe, b Ironmonger 16
H. W. Taylor, l.b.w., b Grimmett 11
D. P. B. Morkel, l.b.w., b Ironmonger 38
H. B. Cameron, st. Oldfield, b Ironmonger 89
J. Viljoen, c Wall, b McCabe 111
C. L. Vincent, c Oldfield, b Wall 29
Q. McMillan, c Oldfield, b Wall 18
N. L. Quinn, b McCabe 11
A. J. Bell, not out 10
Extras 18

Total 358

Bowling:—T. Wall 3 for 93, E. L. A'Beckett 0 for 29; C. V. Grimmett 2 for 100; H. Ironmonger 3 for 72; S. McCabe 2 for 41.

Australia—Second Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Mitchell, b McMillan 161
W. H. Ponsford, c Mitchell, b Bell 34
D. G. Bradman, l.b.w., Vincent 167
A. F. Kippax, c Curnow, b McMillan 67
S. J. McCabe, c Mitchell b McMillan 71
K. Rigg, c Mitchell, b Vincent 1
W. A. Oldfield, b l.b.w., McMillan 0
E. L. A'Beckett, b Vincent 4
C. V. Grimmett, not out 18
T. M. Wall, b Vincent 12
H. Ironmonger, b Quinn 0
Extras 21

Total 554

Bowling:—Vincent 4 for 154; MacMillan 4 for 150; Quinn 1 for 118; Bell 1 for 101.

South Africa—Second Innings.

S. Curnow, b Grimmett 9
B. Mitchell, c and b Grimmett 46
A. J. Christy, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger 65
H. W. Taylor, b Grimmett 38
D. P. B. Morkel, b Ironmonger 14
H. B. Cameron, l.b.w., b Ironmonger 18
J. Viljoen, b Ironmonger 2
C. L. Vincent, c Wall, b Grimmett 1
Q. McMillan, c Ponsford, b Ironmonger 24
N. L. Quinn, not out 0
A. J. Bell, b Grimmett 0
Extras 15

Total 225

Bowling:—A. J. Bell 1 for 15, C. V. Grimmett 3 for 54, H. Ironmonger 3 for 54.

MIDDLESEX IN A QUANDARY.

Nigel Haig Disappoints
Lord's Crowd.

HIS RESIGNATION.

London, Dec. 30.

Supporters of the Middlesex County Cricket Club, from contributors of the honest "bob" to the occupants of the Members' stand, are sorry to learn that the county will not be captained by Nigel Haig next season. Haig recently sent in a letter of resignation and this will be considered by the Middlesex Committee shortly.

His resignation from the captaincy does not mean that Haig will not continue to play for Middlesex. Freed from the responsibilities of his former position he may possibly delight cricket lovers with dashing displays, the like of which he used to give before he took over the captaincy from F. T. Mann.

The Middlesex committee will have a hard job to find a suitable successor to fill the vacancy. They have plenty of amateurs of note who could fill the post but most of them cannot spare the necessary time, as they are business men. Possibly a regular captain will not be appointed and it may be that either H. J. Enthoven, G. T. S. Stevens or G. C. Newman, who filled Haig's place when Haig was hurt last season, will be called upon. They are available.

Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Club v. Army at U.S.R.C. at 4.30 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Recreation at King's Park at 5 p.m.; Radio Sports v. St. Andrew's Club.

HUNTING—To-day—Fanning Hunt (Kennels) at 3.15 p.m.

Sunday—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet (Lok Ma Chau Crossroads) at 3.15 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Kent at Happy Valley at 5 p.m.

Saturday—Triangular Tournament—Club v. Army at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

GOLF—To-morrow—Completion of Second Round of Taggart Cup (Ladies).

Sunday—Completion of First Round of Adamson Cup (R.H.C.C.).

CRICKET—Saturday—First Division—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. University (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Navy v. Civil Service C.C. (L.); Second Division—University v. Indian R.C. (L.); Recreation v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); Police v. Burderera (L.).

FOOTBALL—Saturday—Lai Wah Cup Competition—Navy v. Army at 4 p.m.; Chinese League—South China "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B"; South China "B" v. Chinese Athletic "A"; Eastern v. Yee Woe.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:

Kiyohara, Majima Hospital, Wanchai Road, from Tokyo.

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F. V. JENSEN,

Superintendent.

Hong Kong, December 30, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:

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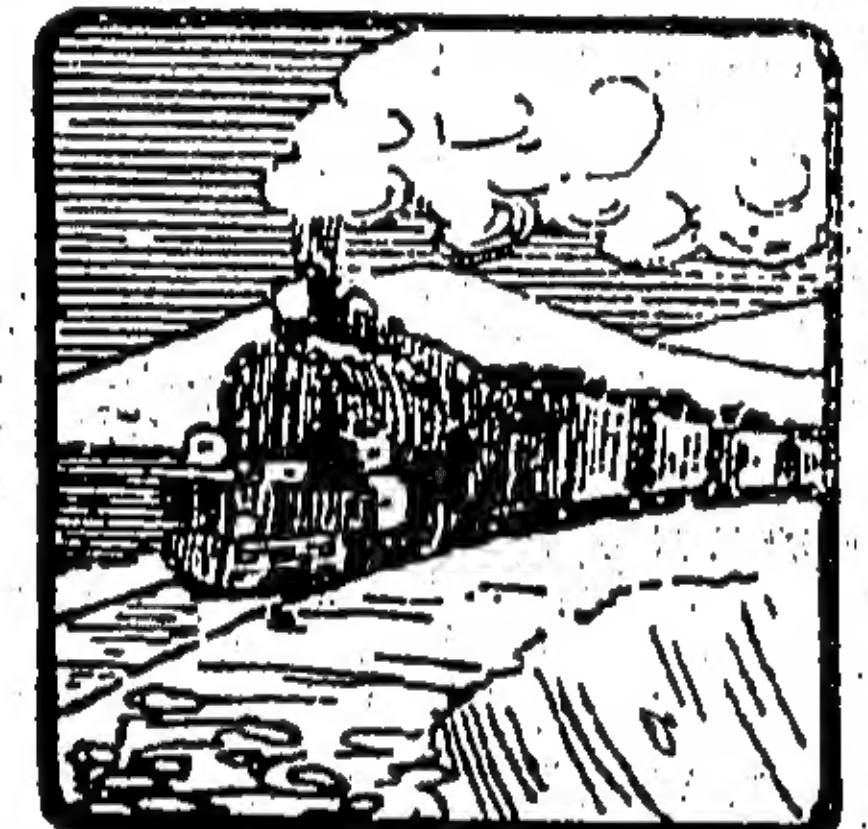
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MANILA RACING SENSATION

FIVE PONIES FAIL TO START

INFURIATED CROWD BOYCOTT CLUB TICKETS.

FOUR RIDERS SUSPENDED

Manila, December 28.

Because five out of nine horses entered in the first race in the morning yesterday at the San Lazaro Hippodrome of the Manila Jockey Club failed to run due to slight error in starting, more than 4,000 race fans caused a near-riot, which required calling out police reserves with riot guns. The trouble started when D. F. W. Prising, official judge of the races, refused to annul the race as the public demanded because of the failure of the five horses to run.

The incident was understood to have caused a loss of from P15,000 to P20,000 to the club, due to the suspension of all the morning races after the fourth because the fans would not stake any bets until the first race was either annulled or their money returned.

It caused the suspension of four of the club's leading jockeys, and, some of the fans said, loss of some confidence in the club. It was the first serious and unanimous protest ever made by horse race fans that paralyze the Manila Jockey Club, which was organized some 25 years ago.

Directors Summoned.

The board of directors of the club were summoned hurriedly to a meeting to pacify the turf crowd, and after a brief deliberation presided over by Dr. Benito Valdez, president of the club, it was agreed to return all bets crossed in the first race amounting to more than P4,000. Losses to the club, however, were believed to be much more, because in addition to the return of the proceeds from the first race, the club had to pay out dividends for the first race, estimated at more than P5,000, and pay prices for the other races during the morning where no bets were crossed, estimated at more than P2,000.

Counting the possible income which would have come from the cancelled races, the club was understood to have sustained financial loss of about P20,000.

The five horses to run in the morning among the nine in the schedule were caught by the taps and were unable to start. This was after the club had sold out tickets valued at P4,040. First place tickets totalled P2,610 and second place at P1,430. The race was won by Bohemio, which gave a dividend for first place tickets at P162.40 and place at P69.40. Second place was won by Adarna, giving a dividend of P44.20.

Starter Blamed.

The public, especially that part of it which put bets on the other

horses that could not participate in the race, protested against the decision on the ground that the race should have been annulled. They said that four of the nine not having been able to run through no fault of the jockeys or the horses, it was only fair that the race be declared void, or their money returned.

The public wanted to put the blame on Mr. Ruiz, assistant official starter of the club, who was charged with not having caused the rope to be raised at the proper time. One half of the tape was raised, letting four of the nine horses go, but half of it was not raised, keeping the other five out of the race.

Disregarding the public protest against the first place, officials of the club proceeded to prepare for the second race, which was run in spite of the threatening attitude of the crowd. Betina, won giving dividends for first place tickets at P69 and place at P25.20. Second place was won by Dollars giving P110 in dividends. Two other races were run of nine scheduled for the morning, but the fans refused to buy tickets, boycotting the club.

Recent Calling Police.

The horse race fans were angered not only by the refusal of the club officials to annul the first race or order the return of bets paid in it, but because of the alleged calling out of police reserves with riot guns.

They were indignant over the calling out of policemen and threatened to inflict physical violence on all who had any connection with the management of the jockey club. They officials of the club, however, denied having sent for police reserves, explaining that the police reserves were called by the policemen on guard at the hippodrome because of the belligerent attitude of the crowd.

Some of the fans said that the absence of Mr. J. Cajigas, official starter of the races, was out of the ordinary because he never has been

ATTACK ON A MATRON.

Jail and Birch for Assailant.

NOT ASSIZES CASE.

Sentence of ten months' hard labour and 18 strokes of the birch was passed by Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on Tseng Shing, who was charged with assaulting Miss E. St. Quentin, Matron of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road; with robbing her of her hand bag; and, alternatively, with receiving the stolen hand bag.

The robbery, it will be remembered, occurred in Bowen Road on December 28 as Miss St. Quentin was returning to the hospital from town. She was attacked by a Chinese, who, coming from behind, pushed her into a nullah, and then made off with her hand bag. The accused was accosted by an Indian constable near the junction of Macdonnell and Kennedy Roads and challenged because the constable noticed something like a purse under his coat. The accused ran, but after a chase was intercepted by Private W. Hewitt, of the South Wales Borderers. In a statement to the Police after his arrest the accused admitted having snatched the hand bag.

Yesterday the Police asked for committal of the accused to the Assizes, but after completion of evidence, his Worship, taking into consideration the fact that accused was only 23 years of age, decided to deal with him summarily and passed sentence as stated. He directed that should the accused be found unfit to be bailed, he would have to do two extra months in jail.

absent from previous races, and his house is very near the hippodrome's premises. He arrived late yesterday.

The jockeys whose horses failed to run were ordered to be suspended by the board. They are Adriano, Ariston, Alba, Vasallos and Eligio. Money is Returned.

Not having funds to pay back the value of tickets sold in the first race, the money of the fans was returned in the afternoon, after the second race. Many of the people present in the morning failed to return, and while the games were brisk and lively during the latter part of the afternoon and evening, there was a much smaller crowd.

PRETTY BRIDE-TO-BE VANISHES.

Soon After Arranging About the Banns.

WOUNDED WRIST.

Soon after going with her sweetheart to a clergyman to arrange for the publication of their banns of marriage, a pretty 21-year-old Reading girl has disappeared.

She is Agnes Mary Pottinger, of Jubilee Square. She worked at the Reading biscuit factory, and it is stated that she had been in a nervous state recently. Her fiancé, Mr. Archibald Heath, of Silver Street, Reading, and she had chosen their home and furnished it.

The night before she disappeared they parted on the best of terms.

Mother's Statement.

Mrs. Pottinger said, when interviewed:—

"In the morning I saw Agnes, who was my eldest girl, dressed ready for work. Her wrist was wounded.

"I told her she could not go to work, and I told one of my younger daughters to go to the hospital with her. Apparently, when near the hospital, Agnes told her sister to wait for her while she went in. She did not reappear, so the younger girl came home. I went to the hospital, and found that she had not been seen there. Since then we have heard nothing of her."

The missing girl is 5ft. 3in. in height, of slim build, and has fair bobbed hair, blue eyes, and a fresh complexion. She wore a brown check coat, with fur collar and cuffs, green hat, and black shoes.

CAR THIEF WHO HAD NEVER DRIVEN.

A 15-year old boy who was fined in the Hendon police-court for stealing a car told the magistrate he saw the car standing outside a house, and although he had never driven before, he jumped in and succeeded in driving 60 miles to Cambridge, where he met with an accident. He said he was able to drive because he had read all about it in a book.

Lord Meston, distributing prizes at Woodgreen Trinity School, advised the pupils to consider the scope for jobs in the Empire, rather than confine themselves to these islands.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Diphtheria Cases Again Prominent.

ONE IMPORTED.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended January 2 is as follows:—

Cases	Deaths
Typhoid fever	8
Diphtheria	72
Smallpox	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	1
Tuberculosis	83

One case of diphtheria and one of typhoid fever were imported.

Summary to December 31. The approximate returns from January 1 to December 31 give the following figures:—

Cases	Deaths
Typhoid fever	218
Smallpox	15
Scarlet fever	8
Diphtheria	244
Cerebro-spinal fever	22
Puerperal fever	19
Tuberculosis	2,847

Twenty-one of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, two cerebro-spinal fever cases, and 102 diphtheria cases.

NOT LEFT IN THE COLD.

Alfonso Still Loved By Villagers.

Madrid, December 6.

"King" Alfonso still rules in Spain—according to the inhabitants of a little village called Hueca, in Andalusia.

The village council and the landlords are all staunch monarchists and even now will not recognise the revolution and the Republican government. Eighty per cent. of the population is illiterate.

Recently the Government sent a representative to the village but the inhabitants only insulted him and then formed an organisation which is intended to combat socialism.

The civil governor of Andalusia and the Home Secretary have now been obliged to take the matter up in order to get the Republic recognised by this handful of villagers.

A merger of the leading Canadian newspaper interests, involving capital to the amount of \$600,000,000 (£120,000,000 at par), is likely to result from negotiations now in progress in Montreal, states the New York Times.

EXPLORERS START FOR TROPICS.

In Puss Moth Machine.

FLYING LABORATORY.

Berlin, December 29.

Flying a Puss Moth machine equipped with a 60 h.p. engine, Dr. Karl Simmer, an Austrian scientist, and the German pilot Fritz Spindler left the Tempelhof Aerodrome this morning on the first aeronautic expedition into tropical Africa. For this purpose the machine had been turned into a flying laboratory, being loaded to capacity with all kinds of scientific apparatus, from instruments for measuring the intensity and velocity of the sun rays and specially designed microscopes for the study of special infusoria found in certain African pools to special recording apparatus for native songs and dances. When the machine was weighed shortly before its start, it was found to be too heavy and the explorers had to leave behind several tins of film, and even then the pilot only just managed to take the heavy plane off the ground.

The expedition will take approximately three months. Its route includes unexplored spots in the Sudan, Arabia, the Belgian Congo, Tanganyika and Abyssinia whose emperor has sent a special invitation to the two explorers who have both seen war service as pilots and before their departure expressed confidence that they would return safe and sound from what is considered an extremely dangerous venture.

In order to placate hostile natives, the explorers have taken along large quantities of cheap watches, beads and other trinkets.—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL SCHEME.

Doctor Specialists At Reduced Fees.

A proposal to provide consultant and specialist services at a reduced fee for members of hospital contributory and similar schemes, and to establish a panel of consultants with this object in view, will be considered at a meeting in London on December 10 of consultants and specialists living in the area of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association.

If the meeting gives an affirmative answer a practical scheme will be drawn up according to a memorandum issued by the Medical Department of the B.M.A. and published in the British Medical Journal. This will include an agreed schedule of fees and the appointment of a consultants' board, which would decide as to eligibility for admission to the list.

"At present," states the memorandum, "these services are largely provided gratuitously by the out-patient departments of hospitals. Were the scheme here proposed adopted, it is not unlikely that many persons who, in other circumstances, would go to the hospitals, would prefer a consultation at the consultant's private professional address."

GASSED IN BOWELS OF EARTH.

4 Overseers Fall Victim to Carbon Monoxide.

EERIE DISASTER.

London, December 28.

The four men who lost their lives to-day at the Frickley colliery, in South Yorkshire, fell dead one after the other in trying to save a comrade who was struck down by poison gas.

It was one of the eeriest of all mine disasters: there was no fire, no explosion and the men died one by one almost in silence.

As the colliery was due to reopen to-morrow seven overseers went down the mine to make a holiday inspection. They ran into an accumulation of carbon monoxide gas, and one man dropped down. Two others went to his aid and were overcome, while another two men who tried to rescue their comrades went into the gas and met the same fate.—Reuter.

BURMA REBELLION NEAR TO END.

Rebel Leader Surrenders.

ALL QUIET.

Rangoon, December 29.

The rebellion which has troubled the Government of Burma for several months, is believed to be almost at an end. According to a Government statement, Saya Nyan, the notorious rebel leader, has surrendered to the authorities and now only 16 minor rebels remain at liberty. All stolen firearms except one revolver have been accounted for and the Thayetmyo district is again peaceful.

Saya Nyan and a hundred other rebels are shortly to be tried.

FAMOUS BERLIN CAFE CLOSES.

Tourist Traffic Slump Affects Unter Den Linden.

The famous "Cafe unter den Linden" has had to close its doors because of lack of custom.

It is at one of the busiest corners of Berlin—Unter den Linden and the Friedrichstrasse. Before the war it was known to everybody who visited Berlin as the Cafe Bauer.

But times have changed. There is practically no tourist traffic in Berlin at present, and business in the cafe became so slack that the proprietors decided to close the place. They say:—

"We hope to reopen when times are better."

ROADS OF POWDERED GLASS.

Experiments have been undertaken in Prague in the last few months on roadways made of glass. A new Slovakian invention, a compound of cement and powdered glass, was used.

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Gandhi Again.

Every unit of the Empire cannot but deeply regret the unfortunate turn of events in India, culminating in the arrest of Gandhi and other Congress leaders. Gandhi's mission to London has meant nothing to him. As Britain's guest he has eaten her salt and, as soon as he returned home, he has seen fit to arouse all the acrimonious passions of his compatriots.

It is exceedingly difficult for any of us, especially if we have no direct personal responsibility, to take a sufficiently calm and broad view of such a problem as is presented to us by the Indian agitation for independence. When we read, for example, of incessant outrages, of Government officers going about in daily peril of their lives, of the glorification of assassins by what passes for Indian public opinion, we have a natural feeling of indignation which prompts us to insist that crime must be put down at all costs regardless of whether or not it masquerades as patriotism.

It is not at all easy to compel ourselves to engage in further serious reflection on such matter. Most of us are inclined to welcome the news that the Indian authorities are being armed with adequate powers and intend to exercise those powers with all the severity necessary until such crimes are suppressed.

Unfortunately, that apparently simple and straightforward policy is not enough. Quite apart from the fact that we have made India certain promises which we have still to find some way of fulfilling, we know from past experience that a policy of simple suppression is never ultimately successful.

Agitation goes on and on; the moderate men on both sides are reduced to silent despair; the suppression inevitably hits comparatively innocent people who are thereupon filled with resentment of what they believe to be brutal injustice, and so a new crop of assassins is produced in the shelter of popular sympathy.

In the end, there is either a successful revolution or an arrangement is come to by negotiation which ought to have been come to at first. Unfortunately, the difficulties in the way appear to be almost insuperable. The Indian representatives at the Round Table Conference were unable to agree among themselves on such fundamental point as the safeguarding of minorities. The demands put forward by some if not all of them to the British Government went beyond what can be granted at present.

The position is not improved by the fact that the principal Indian leader, instead of being a practical statesman, is a man who obscures an impracticable visionary and obstinate extremism under an irrelevant personal holiness. Apparently no one really sees what can be usefully done beyond the fresh Ordinances enacted during the last few days. We can only go on trying in the knowledge that failure may spell calamity, if not something worse for India and the Empire as a whole.

From Other Pens.

The Dangerous Game.

The other day I referred to the efforts which were being made to induce American universities and colleges to take up Rugby football in view of the dangerous roughness of American football.

I said that nothing short of civil war would induce the American college-boys to give up their own particular game. The present immense popularity of the film "The Spirit of Notre Dame" in the United States (this picture has nothing to do with the Paris cathedral, but glorifies the football achievements of an American university) seemed to lend weight to my words.

And yet perhaps I spoke too confidently. One American college, St. Edward's High School, Nebraska, has just given up American football following the death of two players—one from a hip injury, the other from a fractured skull—within two days. This time America does seem to have been photographed by the Standard.

Conversational Privacy.

It has been stated that the words of a day vocabulary of the average man seldom exceeds 600 words. The fact that the vast bulk of our conversation is composed of ready-made phrases which

In an age of stress and strain save much mental effort.

America has investigated this matter further, and a team of investigators have been listening in to thousands of telephone conversations. The official eaves-droppers made a complete data of thousands of calls and elicited that only 3 per cent. of the words used were not entirely ordinary.

It is to be hoped that no such investigation will be made in this country, for there is a disquieting side to this thirst for knowledge.

Most of us enter a telephone box happily imagining our conversation to be sacred between ourselves and the other end. I trust that this illusion will not be shattered, as it has been in America.—Daily Telegraph.

Railway Gardens.

What is the connection between railway work and gardening? Swedish State railways have just decreed that every porter, signalman, &c. shall be allotted a plot of land for cultivation, and that gardening experts shall be appointed to advise them, as well as a staff of inspectors to see that they keep their gardens up to a specified standard. Judging by the floral displays at many a country station throughout Britain, our own railway employees need neither experts to advise nor inspectors to compel them to do so.

What is the connection between railway work and gardening? The late Dean Hole declared that the most, the least that the court might enthusiastic gardener he ever met have done was to deprive the driveway of a level-crossing keeper on a of his driving licence, if not railway. On his appointment this for the remainder of his life, at man was given a barren gravel-plot, which he was informed was his As it is, there are far too many the place again, and found it had careering about our streets to en been turned into a floral paradise, courage them to become callous "Why, William," he exclaimed, drivers and pedestrian elimina "what have you done to the gravel-tors, as well. The motorist has his rights, but let those not be Lord bless you, sir," replied come synonymous with pedes William, grinning, "I hadn't been here a fortnight afore I swapped it for a pond!"

Which was literally true. By arrangement with a neighbouring farmer he had removed his sandy stratum to the depth of three feet and wheeled it to the bank of an old pond, long dried up and filled with leaves and silt. The rich, productive mould of the pond he had dug up and transported to his garden, replacing it with the sand, according to his contract with the farmer. The fact that pond and garden were a mile apart was an indication of the man's devotion to his hobby.—Manchester Guardian.

News in Brief.

The Rizal Day celebration, which was postponed on account of the diphtheria epidemic, will now be held in the Peninsula Hotel at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday next.

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended December 19, amounted to 119,058 metric tons, and the sales to 101,681 metric tons.

An Indian guard, Chanan Singh, was last night admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds to the right eye and ear, the cause of which is unknown. He was found at the Queen's Road entrance to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. J. D. Bush was the speaker at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club, yesterday when he spoke on the necessity of bringing about reform in the method of cultivation of land and animal husbandry in the New Territories, by helping and educating farmers in advanced science of cultivation.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour was passed on a man named Chan Fok, who was yesterday charged before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy with child stealing, by enticing away two small boys from Sheklingtau on December 19. During the proceedings, Detective Sergeant Pearson, of the Water Police, was complimented by His Worship, on his smart work in connection with the case.

Honours for the best portrayal go to Claude Allister in the famous comedy-drama "Three Live Ghosts" now showing at the Star Theatre. The story deals with the exploits of three men who were listed as "dead" after the War, but who return to London, considerably full of life. How one of the "dead" men, now his own house is up-to-date, funny, and forms a dramatic climax to an excellent picture.

PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.

LENIENCY.

There is a time when leniency serves a useful purpose, but it can hardly be said to serve such a purpose in the following case. A driver of a public vehicle—a motor-car presumably—was brought before a local court on Tuesday on a charge of failing to stop after an accident, when a woman was knocked down but not injured. That, in itself, was an action, to say the least about it, despicable. It would seem, however, that the driver concerned had very good reasons of his own for not stopping to face the consequences of an accident in which he was involved, whether or not he was to blame. Those reasons were, that in 1926 he had been involved in an accident in which a woman had lost her life; and that, on another occasion, he had also been involved in an accident in which a man was injured. In an interest in gardening.

Nor is there anything new about the connection between railway dents, the driver in question was workers and horticulture. The late Dean Hole declared that the most, the least that the court might enthusiastic gardener he ever met have done was to deprive the driveway of a level-crossing keeper on a of his driving licence, if not railway. On his appointment this for the remainder of his life, at man was given a barren gravel-plot, which he was informed was his As it is, there are far too many the place again, and found it had careering about our streets to en been turned into a floral paradise, courage them to become callous "Why, William," he exclaimed, drivers and pedestrian elimina "what have you done to the gravel-tors, as well. The motorist has his rights, but let those not be Lord bless you, sir," replied come synonymous with pedes William, grinning, "I hadn't been here a fortnight afore I swapped it for a pond!"

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BACK TO WORK.

"Holidays play the deuce with me. I don't feel like work at all this morning. And, what is more,

I shan't feel like work for a couple of days to come." So said a passenger on a Star ferry on Monday morning. "You've said it," was the comment of a fellow-passenger.

So, I imagine, felt many another Hong Kong worker on Black Monday. Holidays do exercise an unsettling effect on most workers, and it is days before they are caught up again in the rhythm of the work-a-day world. Now, that is just the effect which a holiday should not have on a worker. He or she should so benefit by a holiday, even if it be a holiday of only twenty-four or forty-eight hours, that when the time comes to return to work he should be able to return to it with zest and resume it without difficulty. The fact that he does not is a reflection on the worker's attitude to work. Perhaps, it would be truer to say, it is a reflection on the attitude of work to the worker.

BACHELORS AND SPINSTERS ARE SHORT-LIVED.

That is in comparison with married persons. A German woman doctor has produced statistics showing that both married men and women in Germany live longer than single ones. The theory is said to be borne out by facts in Britain, and an authority is recorded as having said, that, while he had no information as to men, at least two-thirds of the women who lived to a great age were, or had been, married. Factors producing longevity, according to a member of the Centenarian Club, are—Moderation in everything, particularly diet; placid temperament; good vigorous digestion; and, at least, eight and a half hours' sleep in the twenty-four.

Personal Pars.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lo left for Shanghai yesterday by the S.S. President Hoover.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Harold Victor Pearce, Revenue Officer, of 76, Morrison Hill Road, and Elizabeth Neca Thomas, of 120, Whitfield.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ECONOMIES.

Eton Restricts the Use of Colours.

ECONOMIES IN BOOKS.

Public school authorities have been considering how best to meet the present financial stringency by a simplification of education expenses.

At Marlborough, Westminster, and Eastbourne economies in books, house colours and games clothing have already been made.

Similar steps have now been decided upon at Eton.

The following notice, signed by the Captain of the Boats and the Captain of the Eleven, was issued at Eton by order of the Athletic Committee:—

"In the interests of economy the following regulations will be enforced until further notice:

1. No flannel knickers will be worn after the end of this half. Boys who under the present system have their shorts will be allowed to wear a House colour top to their stockings.

2. House colour scarves only will be allowed after the end of the Summer half.

3. Blazers may be worn only by the Eight, the Eleven, Keepers of Rackets, and the Twenty-two. The Second Eight may wear one of the boating blazers to which they are normally entitled.

4. No trimmed zephyrs are allowed except to members of the First Eight and Second Eight, and to those rowing in the final of the House Fours.

5. No flags for Wet Bob races are allowed except for those who reach the final, and they must be put up each day in their rooms.

6. Twenty-two Fives choice and Mixed Wall stockings are not allowed. Inquiries which a special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph made on November 30 showed that

at almost every public school the question of economies is being seriously considered.

Parents to Make Proposals. One difficulty as expressed by Mr. G. C. Turner, headmaster of Marlborough, is that, since each school is differently situated, it is not a subject on which a common policy can easily be followed.

At Westminster, where there are but few "extras," boys are being encouraged to be as economical as possible in such matters as the purchase of new sports clothes.

At Harrow, where the whole question of economy is under consideration, only a comparatively small number of boys would be affected by such economies.

Several schools, including Wellington and Shrewsbury, have in contemplation, in addition to economies on sports clothing and colours, an arrangement whereby a saving can be made in the purchase of school books, and in other directions.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR RESIGNS.

Sir William Davies has resigned the editorship of the "Western Mail and South Wales News" after more than forty years' association with the paper, but continues to be a director of Western Mail and Echo, Ltd. He is succeeded in the editorship by Mr. J. A. Sandbrook, who received his early training on the "Western Mail" and who has been chief assistant editor since 1922.

To-day's Thought.

Dogs and cats have more freedom in some homes than children do in other homes.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 6, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½. Stories of superfluity of "bottoms" and proposals to scrap a lot of them because of low freights have reached us. There is no sign of it just now in Hong Kong yards, where building goes on just as busily as in the best days. At Tientsin, for instance, where four ships are now in the making, it is reported that the Kai Ying will be launched on the 20th inst. It is interesting to note that the turbine engines for these four ships, and being built on the spot.

BREACH OF PROMISE
ACTIONS

"BARDELL v. PICKWICK."

By

His Honour Judge McCleary.

The public interest which attaches to breach of promise cases is really out of proportion to their importance. They are merely actions for damages for breach of contract. The contract, however, for the breach of which damages are sought in this class of action is a contract entered into by a man and woman by which they mutually agree to marry each other. In such an action the plaintiff must prove the contract to marry. Her evidence alone on this part of the case is not sufficient. She must be corroborated by other material evidence. The corroboration may be by the evidence of other witnesses. It may be obtained from letters written by the defendant. She must further prove that the defendant has broken his promise and that she has thereby suffered damage.

Various defences are open to the defendant. He may deny the promise to marry. He may plead that he was induced to make the promise by the plaintiff's misrepresentation or wilful suppression of the real circumstances of her life or character. He may be in a position to prove that the plaintiff had agreed with him that their engagement should be terminated. Admitting that the plaintiff is entitled to a verdict, he may fight the action on the amount of damages to which she is entitled. This statement of the essential features of a breach of promise case would seem to show that such an action is a very prosaic affair. But even by the lawyer it cannot be so described. Any legal proceeding in which the sexes are opposed to each other is rarely without some interest. The eternal conflict between the sexes, the essential differences in the points of view of the male and the female, the side-lights which are thrown upon human nature in what is, perhaps, one of its most striking manifestations are productive of considerably more interest than can be aroused by an action for damages for non-delivery of goods. And so it is that the love affairs of two very ordinary individuals, when laid bare in a court of law, may be found to be of interest to very many people who have never heard of the parties to the action.

The Most Famous of All "Breach" Cases.

Though the passage of time has brought about great changes in the trial of such actions, the famous case of *Barrell v. Pickwick*, reported by Charles Dickens in his "Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club," reveals many of the human considerations which are to be found in a modern trial. It will be noticed that neither Mrs. Barrell nor Mr. Pickwick gave evidence on the trial of this action. Curious though it may seem in these days, before the year 1851 parties to an action were not competent witnesses. The difficulties of proof either on the part of the plaintiff or the defendant without the evidence of the parties concerned must have been enormous, and yet with the ingenuity of the solicitors who prepared the case and the eloquence of the counsel who conducted it these difficulties seem to have been overcome. Remembering that the plaintiff must prove a promise to marry and that there must be corroborative evidence, the plaintiff had to rely on evidence from which the jury could infer that the defendant had promised to marry her and that there was in the evidence some corroboration of the alleged promise.

It is interesting to observe how Sergeant Buzfuz in his opening speech for the plaintiff presents to the jury the facts on which he relied, and from which he asked the jury to draw the inference that Pickwick had promised to marry Mrs. Barrell. His style of advocacy, which may be described as somewhat robust, might not appeal to a modern jury, but it seems to have been very effective. After describing how Pickwick became

the tenant of Mrs. Barrell's "apartments furnished for a single gentleman" he proceeds: "Of the man Pickwick I will say little; the subject presents but few attractions; and I, gentlemen, am not the man, nor are you, gentlemen, to delight in the contemplation of revolting heartlessness and of systematic villainy."

The evidence which Sergeant Buzfuz was able to call in support of the plaintiff's case was of the flimsiest description. Pickwick had resided at Mrs. Barrell's house for two years, during which time she had "waited on him and attended to his comforts." He had given her son halfpence, and on one occasion he had said to him, "How would you like to have another father?" On another occasion he was discovered "holding the plaintiff in his arms, and soothing her agitation by his caresses and endearments."

The Unscrupulous Sergeant

It is true the learned counsel also told the jury that he would prove that "on one occasion, when he (the defendant) returned from the country, he distinctly and in terms offered her marriage, previously, however, taking care that there should be no witness to this solemn contract." He had no right whatever to make this statement. He tells the jury that there were no witnesses present on that occasion, and he knows that he cannot call the plaintiff. He could give no direct proof of a promise to marry. In fact there never was such proof, and if tried to-day the action must have failed on this ground. No statement of this kind to a jury would pass a modern judge, and dire would be the consequence to an advocate who attempted to make it.

The learned counsel concludes his recital of the evidence he proposes to call with a reference to two perfectly harmless letters from the defendant to the plaintiff, one ordering chops and tomato sauce and the other directing the plaintiff not to trouble about the warming-pan. He comments upon these letters in this way: "These letters, too, bespeak the character of the man. They are not open, fervent, eloquent epistles, breathing nothing but the language of affectionate attachment. They are covert, sly, underhand communications, but fortunately far more conclusive than if couched in the most glowing language and the most poetic imagery—letters that must be viewed with a cautious and suspicious eye."

The evidence which was called for the plaintiff certainly did not place the case any higher than it had been put in the opening. Mrs. Cluppins and Mrs. Sanders, friends of the plaintiff, gave evidence which from a modern standpoint amounted to just nothing at all. The defendant's three friends, Messrs. Winkle, Tupman, and Snodgrass, were called, and, driven to the verge of desperation by excessive badgering and bullying, made damaging admissions with regard to the character of the defendant. In those days it was permissible for counsel to call a witness and, though he was counsel's own witness, to adopt the methods of a cross-examiner and to bully him into making damaging admissions. Nowadays counsel is not permitted to cross-examine his own witness. He must accept his answers. The last witness was the defendant's servant, Sam Weller. In the battle which ensued between him and Sergeant Buzfuz Sam did more than hold his own.

At the conclusion of the plaintiff's case the defendant's counsel, Sergeant Snubbin, had to confront himself with an address to the jury. He was not permitted to call his client to swear that he had never promised to marry the plaintiff and to explain the various matters which had been so forcibly placed before the jury to his detriment. He "did

MUCH ARRESTED
PAIR.Brothers Who Baffle the
Police.

THE SASS BROTHERS.

The eternal suspects, the Sass brothers, who have several times been arrested by the Berlin police, but against whom nothing of importance can ever be proved, have been arrested once more, in order, it is alleged, to prevent them carrying out note forgeries and other frauds for which, according to police statements, they have made extensive preparations.

The Sass brothers first became famous in 1929, when they were arrested on suspicion of having carried out what is probably the biggest bank robbery in history. The strong room of an important branch of the Disconto Gesellschaft Bank was entered by means of an underground tunnel, the safe burst open, and jewellery and cash to the value of millions of marks stolen, never to be recovered.

On that occasion, as in 1930, when they were arrested in connection with a tunnel that they were digging in a cemetery in Charlottenburg, the Sass brothers had to be released, because nothing of a conclusive character could be proved against them.

Last year they were condemned, indeed, to a month's imprisonment for making a hole in a cellar wall under a cigar shop, but their object in doing so remained completely obscure.

Astute Defence.

The brothers' astute defence consists in a firm refusal to make any statement whatsoever to the authorities. In the present case the police state they have found machines and apparatus in the possession of the brothers suitable for forging 10 mark notes, as well as the plates of stamps bearing the names of two lawyers, the purpose of which is as yet obscure. The police also know that the brothers have ordered at least one metal stamp of a watermark and another of a corner of a 10 mark note.

Nevertheless it is possible that the Sass brothers will once more get off scot free since it does not at present seem that they can be proved guilty of anything but possessing objects which could be used for a crime. It should be added that since 1929, the Sass brothers have been shadowed by the police, but yet constantly managed to elude their observation.

GUNMAN IN A HURRY.

Fellow-diner Shot In Dispute For
First Service.

A gunman who wanted quick service shot and killed a fellow-diner in a Harlem restaurant because he did not get it, says *Reuter's* New York correspondent.

The gunman had ordered a portion of fried fish. So did a negro, who came in a few minutes later with two friends.

When a waiter brought in one order, the gunman and the negro both wanted it.

The gunman backed his claim with a pistol. Detectives found the negro dead, with a bullet wound in his head.

the best he could for Mr. Pickwick," but he does not seem to have been very effective. The report continues: "Mr. Justice Stareleigh summed up in the old-established and most approved form. He read as much of his notes to the jury as he could decipher on so short a notice, and made running comments on the evidence as he went along." The jury retired, and on their return to court found a verdict for the plaintiff for £750 damages.

In legal matters Charles Dickens wrote with knowledge. He was very familiar with the trial of actions, and it may be assumed that his report of *Barrell v. Pickwick*, allowing for humorous exaggeration, is a fair representation of the trial of an action for damages for breach of promise of marriage in the days of which he wrote.

The modern trial of such an action may not be quite so entertaining as this celebrated trial, but it will frequently be found to contain much that is of interest to a student of human nature. *Manchester Guardian*.

BRITISH ARCTIC
EXPEDITION.Lieut. Lindsay's Talk
Over the Radio.

CHRISTMAS IN GREENLAND.

Lieut. M. Lindsay, a member of the British Arctic Expedition which went to explore Greenland to find out the possibilities of using it as a half-way base for a two-day air route to North America, gave a very interesting talk over the radio.

At this time last year, Lieut. Lindsay was one of a small party who were cut off from civilisation for 12 months. In his address, Lieut. Lindsay said:—"An impenetrable barrier of 70 miles of pack ice separated us from the North Sea, so the only communication we had with the outside world was by wireless. How we used to love the wireless, to be able to hear London calling and to listen to the news at the same time as our friends at home! Unfortunately, we could not listen in regularly; we would get news three days running and then not again for a fortnight. Just at some particular time when we were most anxious to listen in, the atmospheric conditions would be bad or we would get a terrific gale and the aerial would be blown down. These hurricanes averaged anything up to 180 or 200 m.p.h. In the first gale of the year, the gauge registered 123 m.p.h., when the top blew off. This was in the morning, some time before the gale reached its maximum strength."

Christmas Seal.

The speaker then went on to describe how Christmas last year was spent with daylight only about two hours each day. Christmas dinner was a very cheerful one, without a tree, crackers, holly or turkey. There was a pudding, however, out of a tin, and so much brandy was poured on it that, when it was lit, the hut was nearly set on fire. The only thing to mar the occasion was the absence of August Courtald who had volunteered to remain alone for five months through the winter, taking meteorological observations at 8,000 feet above sea level, on an enormous mass of ice in the shape of polar travel in the right across Greenland from shore to shore. Instead of turkey, they had seal. They ate many funny things in Greenland, seal, whale, bear, sea-gulls and even dog.

Dealing with life in Greenland, Lieut. Lindsay said it "wasn't bad." One could get quite a lot of enjoyment out of the toil and discomfort of polar travel if the right philosophy were acquired. They had to travel in temperatures far lower than 30 degrees. On one journey, the thermometer went down as low as 83 degrees below freezing point. "When it is really cold," he continued, "the inside of the tent is completely covered with the frozen condensation of the steam from cooking pots and small particles of ice keep showering down. As one's breath also freezes, the inside of the sleeping bag is soon a layer of ice which has to be thawed out before you can pretend to be at all warm. There are no redeeming features in travelling under such conditions. The cold has to be endured, actively and consciously, like pain."

Hard Manual Work.

"The thing, I shall remember most about Greenland is not as much the cold or being without a bath for a year or wearing the same clothes for eight or ten weeks as the work, real hard manual work most of it, sledging, pack carrying and even digging. Having previously never carried anything heavier than a message, it was an education to me to learn that, although exceedingly unpleasant, it is not impossible to carry 120 lb. on one's back and uphill."

Concluding, the speaker said that, even now, their life-work was not over; they had an overdraft of £3,000 and, by writing and with pictures, it was hoped to raise the money. According to the speaker, the Embassy Theatre for "four nights" to show the lantern slides and films taken, these being really beautiful.

FISH ANSWER A
DINNER GONG.Temperature Recording
Testing Vision:

RESEARCH WORK.

Excavations have been started for a large extension of the station of the Marine Biological Association at Plymouth, says a special correspondent of the *Morning Post*.

The work of this research station has developed to such an extent of recent years that various additions to the accommodation have proved to be insufficient for present day needs.

"The Association has its main object, the study of the fish life around the British coast, including the innumerable factors which affect it. Water movements, sea-bed formations, temperatures, salinity, food, vegetation, and many other considerations play their part in governing the breeding and migratory movements of different kinds of fish, and the research work already done by the Plymouth Station has made it possible, in certain cases, to give the fishing industry valuable assistance and advice."

Research workers from all over the world visit the Association's laboratories, carry out experiments in different branches of fish study, and many important discoveries have been made, often of great value beyond the realm of fish.

Vision and Schooling.

It was in this station, a short time ago, that the first successful experiment was completed for recording the rise in temperature of a nerve during the passing of the nerve impulse. For this purpose a long nerve from a crab was employed, the apparatus being so delicately adjusted that accurate recordings of 1,000th to 2,000th of a degree were possible.

Many experiments of a highly interesting character are in process. The writer was shown by Dr. E. J. Allen, the director, apparatus which is, in effect, an artificial stomach in which food is being digested by juices taken from the organs of different kinds of fish.

Other experiments are designed to ascertain how different events are recorded by the fish brain. The question as to whether fish can hear has often been discussed. The workers at the Biological Station have succeeded in training fish to answer to a dinner gong.

In a similar way, experiments are conducted to test the vision of fish, and to account for their behaviour in schools. Ingenious mirror apparatus has shown that fish react to their reflections in the same way as to one another, and that the phenomenon of schooling in fish can be accounted for by the use of sight alone.

Aid for the Industry.

A steam drifter and a motor fishing vessel are daily at work securing specimens for the use of the station. These provide valuable data, especially when previously marked fish are recaptured, as to the movements of different species.

The specimens caught by the boats provide a valuable stock from which university laboratories are supplied. Many of the exhibits in the London Zoo aquarium are constantly renewed from this source. The stock room of the Plymouth Station has always at least 2,000 different species of fish in stock for the use of research workers.

Probably the most important experiments now being conducted relate to the habits and life history of ray, skate and similar fish, about which comparatively little is known at present, but which are an important part of the fishing industry of South Devon and Cornwall.

It is hoped that the results of these experiments will shortly be embodied in one of the Association's periodical reports to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and that the information supplied by that body to the fishing industry will prove of considerable assistance in the West of England.

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Honolulu Maru	Sun.	10th Jan.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.		
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TAI HING	THURS. 7th	SAT. 9th	SUN. 10th	MON. 11th
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TAI MING	SAT. 18th	MON. 19th	TUES. 19th	WED. 20th
TAI HING	TUES. 21st	THURS. 21st	FRI. 22nd	SAT. 23rd
TAI MING	THURS. 23rd	SAT. 23rd	SUN. 24th	MON. 25th
TAI HING	MON. 25th	WED. 25th	THURS. 26th	FRI. 27th
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Monday, January 4.	
Africa Maru, Japanese str., 5,942 tons, Captain K. Mory, from Moji, buoy No. A2.—O.S.K.	
Tatsuta Maru, Japanese str., 10,017 tons, Capt. S. Ito, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Tuesday, January 5.	
Akita Maru, Japanese str., 3,817 tons, Capt. K. Iro, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Captain T. Grant, from Chefoo, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.	
Diomed, British str., 6,354 tons, Captain W. A. Turner, from Shanghai buoy No. A8.—B. & S.	
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Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	
Lyeemoon, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Amoy, S'cutters Anchorage.—Kwong Nam & Co.	
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Norviken, Norwegian str., 1,779 tons, Capt. Ulstad, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.	
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Sphinx, for Saigon.	
Suiyang, for K. C. Wan.	
Tamara, for Manila.	
Tjinegara, for Manila.	
Unyo Maru No. 3, for Manila.	

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The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—South wall.
Cornflower—East wall.
Cumberland—No. 8 buoy.
Herald—East wall.
Kent—North arm.
Marazion—No. 8 buoy.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Moorhen—in dock.
Olympus—East wall.
Protus—East wall.
Seraph—North wall.
Serapis—in dock.
Sirdar—in dock.
Sterling—North wall.
Sufolk—in Taikoo dock.
Tamar—Basin.
Verity—West wall.
Whitehall—West wall.
Wild Swan—West wall.
Wishart—West wall.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Craonne—French gunboat.
Gill Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Kuang Kum—Chinese gunboat.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 00h is midnight, 12m. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

January 6 to 12, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
	Times.	Times.	H. M.	F. H. M.
Jan. 6	09 45	02 40	1.0	
Wed. 7	10 50	03 15	0.8	
Thurs. 8	12 00	03 45	0.6	
Fri. 9	13 10	04 15	0.5	
Sat. 10	14 20	04 45	0.5	
Sun. 11	15 30	05 15	0.5	
Mon. 12	16 40	05 45	0.5	
Tues. 13	17 50	06 15	0.5	

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Vancouver on January 5 (Tues.) at 7 a.m., leaves Vancouver on January 13 (Sat.), and is due at Hong Kong on February 8 (Mon.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on February 8 (Mon.) evening.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Kobe on January 5 (Tues.) at 1.30 p.m., left Kobe on January 5 (Tues.) at 6 p.m., and is due at Nagasaki on January 6 (Wed.) at 5 p.m. She leaves Nagasaki for Shanghai on January 7 (Thurs.) at 4 p.m.

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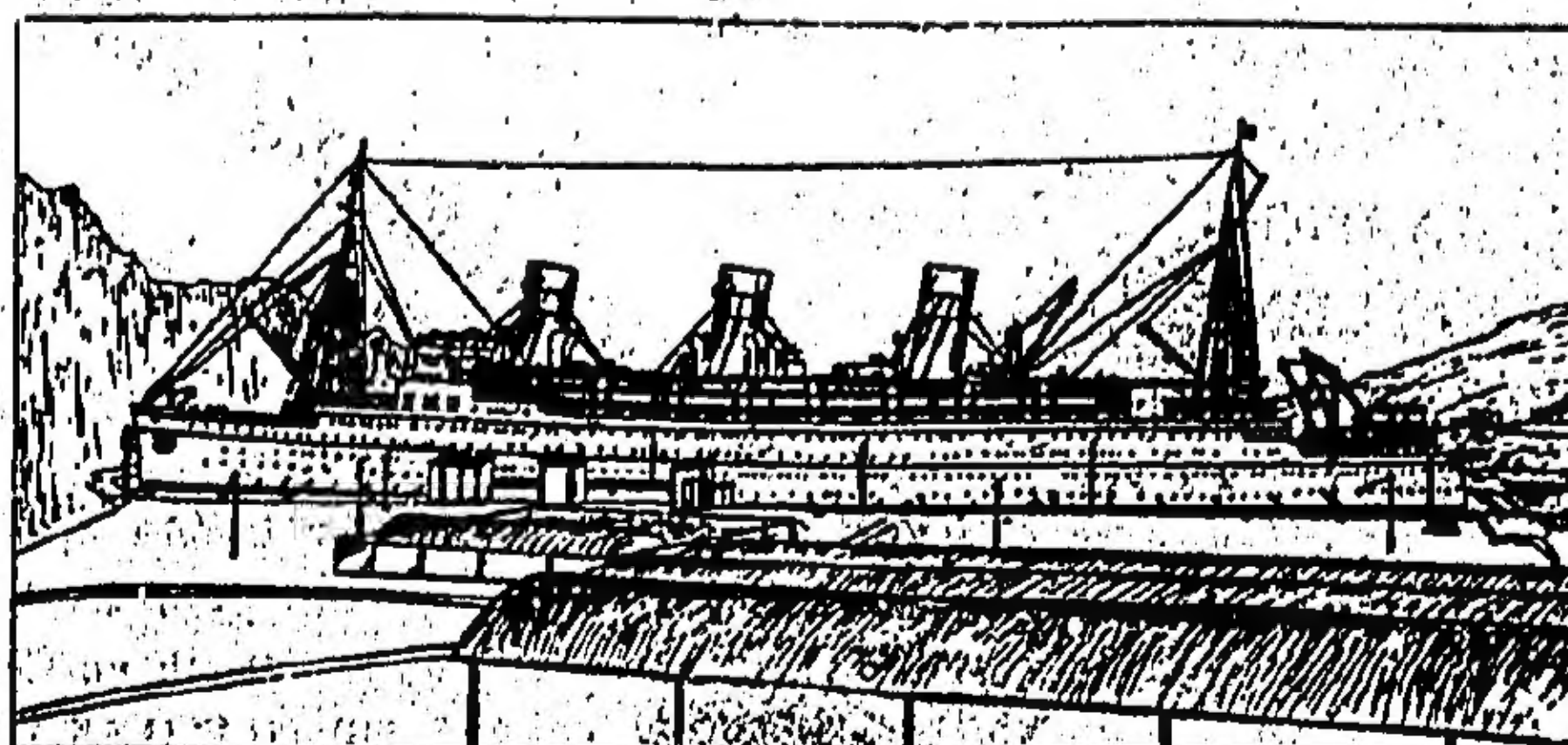
1. Every British ship should be compelled, to carry, a percentage of white British crew. The actual figure would have to be fixed taking into account the number of British seamen now available, and could be increased from time to time.

supply, the condition of store rooms, tanks, and bilges, the inspectors visited the crew's quarters, paying particular attention to cleanliness, structural defects, rat haubourges, accumulation of rubbish and so on. Any defects were attended to by shipowners without any difficulty. The last report of the Liverpool medical officer of health to Liverpool Port Sanitary Authority stated: "There is a general tendency to improve in the matter of cleanliness, and although crews' quarters are still left dirty when the men pay off they do not appear to be as dirty as they were formerly." The official added that when a crew left a ship they were very like a shore family leaving one house for another. Incoming tenants were apt to say: "What a dirty house they have left!"

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dent, Herr Stimming, whose name is interwoven with that of the company and the city. Their report states that the annual balance shows that without counting the sums received from the United States in restitution of the company's property seized there during the war, the income more than balances the expenditure which in the present economic crisis may be considered an excellent result.

The acquisition of shares in Hansa and Hamburg, Sudamerikanische and Hamburg-Karlsb. Kanalschiffbau companies had increased the short term indebtedness, but this had been mitigated by the sums from America aforesaid.

It was announced that for some time past war-essential economic goods have not been affected, which have already yielded good fruits.

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THE CATHAY.

The new Cathay Theatre, at
the corner of Avenue Joffre and
Rue Cardinal Mercier, opened
on Friday (New Year's Day),
the building embodying the de-
signs of Mr. C. H. Gonda, the
architect. Distinctive, as far as
Shanghai theatres go, the build-
ing is of the American neigh-
bourhood house style, inasmuch
as the auditorium has no balcony,
but seats 1,000 persons comfort-
ably on the main floor. The de-
sign is modernistic, incorporat-
ing features lending themselves
to excellent acoustic prop-
erties. Its exterior appears digni-
fied and simple in design, says
the North China Daily News.

The entrance leads into an oc-
tagonally shaped lobby. The
indirect lighting scheme throw-
ing its soft light through the
opaque glass of the ceiling is en-
hancing the extraordinary effect
of the bronze, orange and gold
colour scheme of the walls. Here
are located the ticket booths, and
two staircases lead up to the
roof-garden, which certainly will
be well patronised during the
Summer season. By these ornamental
staircases the tea lounge is
reached, which contrasting
with the general decorative
scheme is furnished in old Eng-
lish style. A decorative arch-
way bordered on two sides by art
glass columns is leading into the
Foyer. The multi-coloured de-
coration scheme, the indirect
lighting and the unique bracket
lamps bring the visitor imme-
diately into an atmosphere of
Sound Absorbing Walls.

The walls of the Auditorium
were treated with artem plaster
the rough texture of which is not
only lending fragrance in ap-
pearance, but also has a sound-
absorbing quality. Blue, orange,
salmon, pale green and bronze
are the colour scheme blended

to a harmonious mist, which
under the indirect lighting
scheme gives a striking effect.
A flat ceiling regularly divided
by glass beams contains over
2,000 lamps and to this are added
the glass columns and the
ultra-modern light brackets,
avoiding any glare.

It can be said that in this cine-
ma the first time in the Far East
a lighting scheme was created
which architecturally constitutes
a perfect unit with the general
decoration of the Auditorium.
The seating is so arranged as to
provide for the best vision and
utmost comfort. The proscenium
curtain and all the other cur-
tains and carpets match the gen-
eral design, their orange colour
and multi-coloured silk applica-
tion blend excellently together.

A ventilating scheme is in-
stalled providing fresh and fil-
tered air for the audience adding
greatly to the comfort of the pa-
trons. Fresh air from the outside
of the building is blown by
powerful fans through ducts into
the theatre and is first warmed
in the cold season by air-heaters
before it enters through mush-
room outlets into the Auditorium.
The vitiated air is extracted
through outlets in the ceiling
and replaced by fresh and fil-
tered air. The entire building be-
ing the utmost of possible fire
proof construction, the great
amount of conveniently located
emergency exits, the installation
of most modern fire fighting ap-
pliances must give the patrons
the feeling of perfect safety.

The two main actors of im-
portance in a cinema are perfect
vision and perfect sound. To
both of these, the architect, Mr.
Gonda has given his utmost at-
tention. The absence of any
column in the Auditorium, the ar-
rangement of the seats ensure
an unobstructed perfect view of
the screen. Careful calculation
of the acoustical properties of
the theatre were made when
architectural details were de-
signed.

THE FIRE.

Little Damage Done.

Shanghai's newest theatre, the
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cember 29, three days before its
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VARIED PROGRAMME.

London, December 28.

The townspeople of Lewes, the an-
cient capital of Sussex, declare that
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a concert given to-day by convicts
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The varied programme comprised
excellent solo—humorous items
that kept the audience in roars of
laughter—and instrumental items
by the prison brass band.

The proceeds are being devoted
to the renovation of the prison
chapel and the local Discharged
Prisoners Aid Society.—Reuter.

its modern construction little
damage was done, and the the-
atre opened as advertised on
New Year's Day.

The blaze occurred just before
2 p.m., the screen and one side
curtain flaming up rapidly. The
fire brigade was called, but there
actually proved little for them to
do. Besides the screen, two side
curtains and the loud-speaker
equipment of the talking picture
mechanism, there was nothing of
an inflammable nature on the
stage.

Actual damage was confined to
the curtain screen and one of the
side curtain screen and one of
the side curtains destroyed (the
other side curtain being only
slightly touched by the flames)
and half of the huge cardboard
baffle screen in front of the loud-
speaker. The other half was
blackened slightly by smoke in
spots, but its utility not impair-
ed.

The fire did not do any dam-
age in the orchestra pit or the
auditorium, and the little water
that found its way there was
negligible. A certain amount of
hard work yesterday and to-day,
it is understood, should suffice to
put matters entirely right once
more. So also records the
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ably anyone else in London may
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William Skinner, the head verger,
who has been at the Cathedral for
years, is still full of energy.

"I do not think you could find
a verger nearer the ideal," the
Bishop of London said recently.

Talking of his experiences, Mr.
Skinner said:

"There was the day when we
found the bomb under the bishop's
chair. It was when the
Suffragettes were causing trouble,
and somebody in the Cathedral
suddenly heard the strange tick-
tick-tick like an alarm clock, com-
ing from beneath the chair.
"Seeing that it appeared to be a
bomb of some kind, we ran with
it to a bucket of water and flung
it in.

Suffragette Surprised.

"On another occasion, a
Suffragette chained herself to a
chair in the Cathedral. The chair
was one of a long row of seats
nailed together on a beam of wood.
To her surprise we saw through
the beam and carried out the chair
with the woman on it in two
minutes.

"Fanatics often cause little
scenes. One Easter a man sud-
denly put his hat on, dashed up
past the choir, jumped on to the
Altar and cleared off the cross,
candle-sticks and flowers before
we could stop him. He said: 'I
am the slayer of an emperor, and
I am here to slay the Christ who
has been hired by some ex-
ecutive society.' He was summoned and
arrested."

"Another man whom I intercept-
ed in the choir shouted, 'Remove
that Cross.' Suffragettes used to
interrupt the service by chanting
noisily at the wrong places, but
fanatics are usually quite pleasant
people apart from the one point
which worries them.

"One of the many questions that
visitors are always asking is 'Is
the crypt of St. Paul's haunted?'
Well, I can assure you that I have
never found any ghosts walking
there, although I have been in the
Cathedral every hour of the night
and day.

A Nelson Legend.

"There is a legend that Nelson,
who is buried here reappears in
the night watches and walks in
ghostly solitude. But he never
appeared to us, in the war, for
example, when we took it in turn
to keep watch in case of air raids,
and some of us slept here every
night. During air raids people
sheltered in the crypt.

Mr. Skinner took out his keys
and made a tour of the collection-
boxes. He said:

"Sometimes people write helpful
or humorous suggestions and slip
them in. Then we may get a
whole packet of farthings or half-
pennies, that some anonymous
well-wisher has saved up. For-
eign coins, too, are there, and we
always convert these into English
currency. Americans may leave a
dollar note.

"I like the Americans, because
they always show such very real
interest, even if they do ask ex-
traordinary questions at times.
"Even at St. Paul's the congre-
gations are not always so big to-
day as they were forty years ago,
although present-day visitors are
more reverent."

A little girl was attacked by rats
when left alone in the house while
her mother went out shopping. At
Bachwater, near Alton, Cheshire,
Miss Bunter's little daughter (age
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India.

Congress leaders are being
rounded up and placed in deten-
tion. Among the latest arrests is
Mr. V. J. Patel, ex-President of the
Indian Legislative Assembly.

Congress continues to establish
itself on a "war footing" in its
"war" with the Government of
India and has equipped two hos-
pitals, enrolled 10,000 volunteers,
and arranged for, at least, 60
"war cabinets." Complete cessa-
tion of the export of cotton to
Japan and Britain is to be at-
tempted. Dr. Ansari is now Pre-
sident of Congress.

Meanwhile Government is coun-
ter-attacking, and arrests are be-
ing made in all parts of India.

Lord Willingdon and his advisers
are receiving the support, gener-
ally, of British newspapers, in
the policy now being pursued.

Burma.

The Plenary Session of the
Round Table Conference opens on
Friday, and the Premier is expect-
ed to address delegates on Tues-
day indicating the British Govern-
ment's policy to Burma.

Rehabilitation of Silver.

Senator Borah has submitted a
Bill to Senate (U.S.) which, if
passed, will authorize foreign
debtors to repay their debts in
silver. The Bill, however, is ex-
pected to be short-lived.

Naval Spring Exercises.

The Atlantic Fleet leaves home
ports to-day to concentrate for the
Spring Exercises. The cruise has
been curtailed, for economy rea-
sons, and the Fleet returns home
in the middle of March. A por-
tion of the Fleet will pay a visit
to the British West Indies.

Tragedy.

A bridal couple were drowned,
yesterday, in a lake near Vilna,
Poland. It appears that a happy
wedding party were sleigh-racing
across the frozen lake, when the
ice broke and precipitated the
sleigh containing the bridal couple
into the icy water.

NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Reparations Conference.

It is understood France desires
a postponement, owing to pressure
of Parliamentary business, until
February 25, 1932. She is said to
be willing, however, to extend the
German moratorium until July 1,
1934, provided the unconditional
annuities are paid.

Col. Sir Maurice Hankey, it is
expected, will act as Secretary-
General to the Conference. He is,
at present, Secretary to the Brit-
ish Cabinet, and acted as Secre-
tary to earlier international con-
ferences on reparations.

The British Cabinet and its com-
mittees will, until the eve of the
Conference, be engaged on the
various subjects affected, in order
that Britain's policy may be final-
ly decided.

German "Reds" Putsch.

Organised by Communists in
the Ruhr district on New Year's
Day, has fizzled out, and the au-
thorities report "all quiet on the
Western front."

"Reds" Get Short Shrift in London.

Three men, believed Commun-
ists, were first booed and hissed,
then pelted with flour and ochre
yesterday, when they sought to
induce London dockers to go out
in sympathetic strike with Thames
lightermen.

Labourites Ill.

Mr. William Graham has de-
veloped double pneumonia, and Dr.
Marion Phillips is critically ill,
following an operation.

Mr. Graham was President of
the Board of Trade in the late
Labour Government, and Dr.
Phillips is Chief Woman Organiser
to the Labour Party.

China and the League.

There is no official news of
China requesting an early meeting
of the Council.

Iraq.

The Permanent Commission on
Mandates, of the League of Na-
tions, has issued its report on
the British Government's proposal
to proceed with the emancipation
of Iraq.

Alleged Fraud.

Seven Chinese to-day, in the
Central Magistracy, faced a
charge of conspiracy to fraud in
respect of a large number of Jer-
seys taken on credit from a shop.
Bail has been allowed, and a
week's formal remand granted.

London Hold-Up.

A daring and cleverly-planned
daylight hold-up occurred in a
busy West End street yesterday.
A jeweller, returning from the
bank with a valuable parcel of
jewellery, was relieved of it.

French Fliers.

Cedos and Robida took off from
Marseilles yesterday on their
flight to Hanoi and back.

Australian Air Mail.

Kingsford Smith is due to start
to-day on his flight to Australia
with air mails.

Harbin Riot.

Rioting occurred in Harbin over
the week-end. A Chinese police-
man and six Russians have been
killed, and twenty Russians
wounded.

Peak Film Fire.

Pathe Orient, Ltd., are being pro-
secuted for an infringement of the
Fire Brigade's regulations in con-
nection with the film fire which
occurred at a Christmas Party
given in a house on The Peak on
December 28. They also are pro-
secuted for storing films in an un-
licensed building.

New Year's Fracas.

William Wishart, seaman of a.s.
Pentayne, was, this morning, sen-
tenced to one month's hard labour
for inflicting grievous bodily in-
jury with a razor on a fellow-sea-
man. It was the result of a
carousal on New Year's Eve.

BORAH'S SILVER BILL.

Pay Your Debts
in Silver.

MINT SILVER COINS.

Washington, Yesterday.
Determined not to relax his
efforts for the rehabilitation of
silver, Senator Borah has sub-
mitted to Senate a bill authorizing
foreign debtors to repay debts in
silver, and requesting the treasury
to mint silver coins of certain
weights having the status of cur-
rency at the market value of metal.
Like most of Senator Borah's pre-
vious ventures, however, the bill is
expected to be short-lived.—Reuter's
American Service.

A REFORMED CHARACTER.

Six boys out of the senior form
had been carpeted before the head
for cigarette smoking, and natural-
ly the incident formed the subject
of discussion in the lower school.
"Fools, those fellows!" declared
Pontifex minimus (aged 13). "Why,
I gave up smoking years ago!"

DRIZZLE AND MIST.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued this morning states:
The typhoon is about 200
miles N.N.W. of Yap, moving
N.N.E.

A new anti-cyclone has form-
ed over S.E. Mongolia.

Forecast:—N.E. or variable
winds, moderate; generally
cloudy, some drizzle or mist.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours end-
ed at 10 a.m. to-day — nil.
Total since January 1—nil
against an average of 0.14
inch—deficit 0.14 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning
at 8 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	61
Macao	56
Pratas Island	70
Manila	66
Foochow	58
Amoy	56
Chefoo	40
Shanghai	41

ANOTHER FIND IN LAKE NEMI.

Stone Boat Raised from
Bottom.

PLACED IN MUSEUM.

Rome, December 29.
A boat believed to have belong-
ed to the same epoch as the galley
of the Roman Emperor Caligula,
which was salvaged earlier in the
year with many precious treasures
from Lake Nemi, has been found
weighted down by stones to the
bed of the same lake.

It is 80 feet long and eight feet
wide and was evidently used for
the transport of materials, having
probably been loaded with stones
at the time that it sank.

Great care was required to take
it out of the lake to-day and it was
finally placed with proper pre-
cautions in the museum at the edge
of the lake.

Sentence of five months' impris-
onment passed on a footballer who
attacked the referee in a football
match at Grosseto, has been con-
firmed by the Florence Court of
Appeal.

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